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FORT MONROE READY

The Big Fortification Will Be in Fine Shape in About a Month.

DISAPPEARING GUNS AND 16 MORTARS

slonel Frank, Commandant of the Fort Expresses Himself as Conof War Hotels Would Have to Go, But He Thinks War Improbable.

The war scare seems to have poked its reptilean head out in the neighborhood of New York Sunday in such a way as to create quite a stir in the news rooms of the big metropolitan dailies. It seems that a special correspondent at Fort Monroe sent a column and a half sensadion to his paper in New York in which it was stated that the Fortress had been ordered ready for defense by December 1st; that it was the scene of unusual activity, great excitement, and active preparation for immediate battle, and leading the guileless reader to suppose that Spain had already gotten a hostile fleet half way acrois the Atlantic en rouse to blow Uncle Sam higher than even fabled Haman was hanged.

A visit to Major J. P. Sanger, of the Inspector General's staff, and a drill for his benefit was made to assume a martial significance, and it was even rumoried in certain circles of the metropolis that the owners of the magnificent hotels, the Hygela and Chamberlin had

a certain circles of the metropolis the owners of the magnificent hother largest and Chamberlin, had cordered to be in readiness to depther places of entertainment in relance with the agreement entered with the Governmen: whereby it ipulated that the buildings, which on Government property, shall be

THEY WERE STILL THERE.

Desiring to see once more these magnicent structures before they were utterly blown away, and incidentally to discover just how much or how little truth there was in all these rumors, a Virginian reporter, went to Old Point on the first boat yes, erday.

He was somewhat relieved when he found that the two splendid hotels were attill solid on their foundations, and grew positively cheerful when he perceived that the stars and stripes floated proudly, albeit to a vivid imagination, somewhat defiantly, from their glittering domes to the soft south breeze that crept across the waters and found this most favored spot of a favored land.

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Mr. Frank N. Pike, the genial and clever manager of the Hygeia, was at once sought out, and when found was a little startled and considerably amused by the questions fired at him. He was, however, very positive in his denials. Certainly not. No notification had been given him and he never expected any. Nor had he received the slightest intimation that he would ever be expected to destroy the hotel, other than that formal clause in the original contract.

Mr. Pike also expressed his belief that even in the emergency of a war the hotel buildings would not have to come down, giving as reasons that they were not actually in the way of the modern guns which were mounted at an elevation higher than the tops of the hotels; that the fore had no guns mounted so as thear upon the territory covered by the hotels; and that all the fighting would be done in the mouth of the river should a foreign fleet get within the Capes, and the, ews no danger of a foe getting

George W. Swett, the popular ger of the Chamberlin, had not re-d any notification to remove the ture, which was at once the de-and pride of John F. Chamberlin's

donel Royal T. Frank, Commandan

"This work is now in excellent trim Lack of orders defend the passage of the Roads. the stoppage." to defend the passage of the We should have no difficulty we making a successful defense Seet Spain might send against us.

"You see, with my long-range disappearing battery I could keep the enemy at a distance and at the same time could render her position exceedingly uncomfortable by means of the magnificent mortar battery of sixteen pieces, the emplacements for which, half a mile up the beach are already awaiting their up the beach, are already awaiting their

"Should the enemy close up or attempt to run past, the old smooth bores in the

would be very effective defences in themselves.

"The mortar battery is of the most
modern type. The men are thoroughly
protected, while the mortars can be fired
almost simultaneously, as they are
mounted in groups of four. They are
very effective at six or seven miles.

"We are not moving our practice battetry of \$-inch rifles on the beach.

"If it became necessary we could
throw up parapets in front of them.

"The old portion of the fort still remains practically impregnable, for although a shot might penetrate the stone
walls, our batteries could destroy a fleet
before they could demolish them.

"What would be done with the hotels
in the event of war?"

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"Why, if we had a serious war they would have to come down. We have to provide against a fleet running rast our batteries, and to that end we would erect batteries commanding the inside analysis."

"The hotels would mask our back fire on a fleet, which, under cover of darkness or smoke, might have pussed the fort, and would prevent proper serving of the guns in that event, so there is no question but that they would have to be destroyed.

"By the New Year all our new armament will be in, and the fort will be a most formidable defender of Hampion Roads, as it was of old.

"In the event of war we would need besides a movable force to repel landing parties about 35 men for ach gun in service, and about three reliefs. But I repeat that I do not anticipate any trouble."

CERTIFICATE GIVEN TO FLOOD,

State Canvasser's Throw Out Buck-ingham's Vote.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 23.—(Special.)—
The State Board of Canvassers met at noon with all the members present ex-cept Attorney-General Scott, who was sick, Mesers, Young, Epes, and Swan-son, of the Demy noon with all the imembers present except Attorney-General Scott, who was sick. Messrs, Young, Epes, and Swanson, of the Democratic Congressmenelect, were present. Major Francis R. Lassiter was on hand as counsel for Mr. Epes; Colonel James D. Brady appeared for Dr. R. A. Wise, and Mr. Edgar Allan for Mr. Yost. It was decided to take up the Tenth District first. Mr. Yost had filed a second or amended abstract of the vote of Buckingham county. When this county was reached Mr. Allan took the floor. The abstract received by Secretary Lawless showed that the votes in Buckingham county for the Republican candidates were returned for Jacot Yost. The amended abstract held that all the votes cast in the county were for J. Yost, though the names returned were for J. and Jake Yost. Mr. Allan spoke in behalf of Mr. Yost. He said that two years since the Board had established a precedent in giving the Fluvanna county vote to Mr. Tucker, that bore his first name and initials. Mr. Allan spoke at length and was followed by Colonel Brady.

The amended abstract was signed by the county Board, and two Glenmore precinct judges.

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The Board after secret deliberation of an hour declined to accept the amended abstract handed in by Mr. Yost, and announced that the votes returned for Jacob Yost would be counted for Jacob Yost would be counted for Jacob Yost and not for J. Yost.

The Board consequently awarded the certificate of election in this district to Mr. H. D. Flood, the Democratic candidate. Mr. J. Yost was the Republican candidate certified to Secretary Lawless.

residence. He has just returned from Washington, where for several days he had been in earnest consultation with the Secretary of War relative to modernizing the fort and pushing the work on the new fortifications. He was asked if there was any truth in the report that Fortress Monroe had been ordered ready for defence by Dec. 1.

"I have received no orders to that effect," replied the Colonel. "The battery of three 10-inch disappearing guns which are being mounted on the northern side of the fort will be ready for use by Dec. 1, and 1 have orders to complete the mortar battery by Jan. 1."

"What do you think of the significance of this activity?"

"Simply that Congress has long been appropriating money for coast defence, and the secretary desires to accomplish something tangible and definite in that line immediately. I do not anticipate any crisis. Of course, things may be uncertain, and the newspapers are making a great deal of talk and attaching a significance to everything in the way of activity in navy and army circles just at present."

"What is your opinion as to the present efficiency of Fortress Monroe in the event of war?" was asked, and the Colonel replied readily enough:

"The FORT IN FINE TRIM."

"This work is now in excellent triin to defend the passage of the Roads, We should have no difficulty whatever to making a successful defense against."

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ods of Raising Additional Revenue.

HE ADVOCATES INCREASED BEER TAX

But Opposes a Higher Tax on Tobacco and Many Other Necessaries-Thinks Another McKinley Bill Will Not Be Passed-He Pre

Kinley because they believed him to be a bimetall'st, and that as much would be done for silver under his administration as could be accomplished were Bryan elected. And it would be secured, too, without danger of the disturbances that were feared in case of Bryan's election. AS TO THE FUTURE.

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"There was behind Mai. McKinley a large conservative element, which distrusted the radical superoters of Bryan, afraid to trust them with the administration of affairs. But the Republicans are not united on this question, and they will have to settle the matter between themselves between now and 1900.

"I am firmly convinced," added the Senator with great seriousness, "that a vast majority of the people of this country desire bimetallism, and if the Republicans place themselves squarely in line for the gold standard, and the use of silver subsidiary coinage only, there can be no doubt of the result of the contest. We failed to elect Mr. Bryan this year hecause the Republicans secured the bulk of the artisan vote, and we failed to convert enough of the farmer vote to offset it. But they are coming our way, and if Mr. Hanna is proceeding upon the theory that the farmer vote is lost to the Republicans, why, there can be no doubt of the issue."

SENATOR JAS. K. JONES NEW STATE CHAIRMAN

The Democratic Chairman Discusses Meth- Republican State Committee Will Try to Elect One in Richmond Thursday.

OLD FIGHT AGAINST COL. LAMB RENEWED

Judge Waddill or Col. J. B. Brady Will Probably Be Chosen-The Open Letter Urging American In tervention in Cuba.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 23.—(Special.)—
A meeting of the Republican State Committee will be held here next Thursday. The call was made by a majority of the members of the body in accordance with the new plan. Colonel Lamb's Executive Committee has called a meeting of the full committee for December 17th in Norfolk. All of this means that the old fight on Colonel Lamb will be renewed with increased vigor. The anti-Lamb people claim two-thirds of 4the members of the Committee. They say they will elect a new State Chairman on Thursday, and then attend the meeting in Norfolk and confirm what is done here. Just who is to be put up for chairman is not positively known, but it is thought the person will be either Judge Waddill or Colonel James D Brady. Colonel Brady is now in the city and will be here most of the time until

A SIGNIFICANT LETTER.

The open letter to President Cleveland, published in the Frederickeburg Star, wherein he is urged to send in a message to Congress advocating intervention in the Cuban war, is regarded as significant by some people here. It appeared just after Fitz Lee's visit to Fredericksburg, and it was suggested that something Lee said might have inspired the article.

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY

The temperance people here are try-ing to get all the pastors in the city to observe next Sunday as the universal temperance Sunday. Many will comply and will preach on temperance.

WORKINGMEN'S STRIKE.

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There was a stike to-day at the factory of the Virginia and North Carolina Wheel Company. About 125 hands went out as a result of a reduction in their wages. Mr. W. J. Westwood, of this city, is President. The strikers have written an appeal to Mr. William McMahon, the largest stockholder in the concern.

A YOUNG MAN FALLS.

The annual conclave of the Grand ommandery, K. T. of Virginia, wil the place at the Masonic Temple or

VIRGINIA VS. NORTH CAROLINA.

Preparations are almost complete for the great University of Virginia-University of North Carolina football game on Thursday. West End Park, where the contest will take place, is almost in readiness. There will be accommodations for about 6,000 persons on the grounds. The same prices will prevail as last year. The Richmond Railway and Electric Company will run extra cars, and the police service will be excellent.

UNITED STATES COURT.

In the United States Circuit Court of Appeals to-day Judges Goff, Simonton and Brawley presided.

In the case of Robert M. Spedden et. al., appellants, against George Koenig et. al., appellers, appeal from District Court of Maryland. Case argued by Robert H. Smith, of Baltimore, for appellants, and Beverly W. Minster, of Baltimore, for appellers, and submitted. The case of George P. Hudson, claimant of barge Gide, appellant, against George W. Graffin, appellee, appeal from District Court was partly argued.

Stavin Again Defeated.

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Iron Company's furnaces and rolling
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for to Ticket Agent Norfolk and Western
Railway Depot, foot of Main street,
of Australia, wound up his career of
in castern Oblo, shut down to-day,
lack of orders is given as the reason for
whatever
against

"Newest Discovery"—Ext. teth: no
The shipment of fractional silver coin
The right glass will strengthen the
sponding period last year was \$55,765.
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New York, Nov. 23.—Frank P. Slavin,
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have disposed of the colored man. The Australian has seen his best days, and was by no means entitled to make a demand he did before he went on. He signed for a percentage, and was dissatistied with the house and began to back out. Armstrong expressed himself as ready to box. After arguments, some of the Australian's friends induced him to stick to his agreement, and he entered the ring at 11:15, where Armstrong had been waiting for nearly fifteen minutes. They shook hands at 11:20. Armstrong weighed 185 pounds and Slavin 178 pounds. Sam C. Austin, was referee.

From a Wreeked Steamer-Eight of
Their Comrades Perished.

Point Arena, Cal., Nov. 23.—After
clinging to the rigging of the wreeked
steamer San Benito twenty-seven hours
twenty-three men were rescued by the
steamer Wrott early this morning and
transferred to the steamer Point Arena,
which took them to Mendocino. The
rescue was a most hazardous undertaking. Repeated attempts were made to
reach the wreck but the sea was so
rough it was impossible for a boat to
live in it. After midnight, however,
the waves began to abate and the
Wrott, after the greatest difficulty, succeeded in getting a boat to the wreck.
Twelve men were transferred to the
Wrott and the boat returned for the
others, they too, safely reaching the
steamer, making a total of thirty-five
saved, eight perishing. It is impossible
to give the names of the rescued men,
as the Wrott immediately put to sea.
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as the Wrott immediately put to sea. The wreck was watched by the people on shore, who have kept huge bonfires blazing all night and had patrolled the beach to render all the assistance in their power, but all efforts to get a line off to the wreck were fruitless. The two parts of the San Benito lie in about the same position as last night.

FIRE AT EMPORIA.

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Emporia, Va., Nov. 23.—(Special)—
Fire was discovered yesterday morning at 7 o'clock in the boiler-house of the Pearl, Neilds & McCormick plaining mill. It being Sunday morning none of the workmen were in the place and before necessary aid to effectually use the water appliances could be obtained the whole building was in flames, and in two hours' time had completely burned down upon the machinery, a few belts only being saved. The clock showed that the waterhann had made his regular rounds during the night and left the plant at 6 o'clock, one hour before the fire broke out.

The loss is probably \$15,000, partially covered by insurance in Liloyd's and non-board companies.

The Atlantic and Danville Railroad Company loses two empty cars and five loaded with lumber ready for shipment, three of which Pearl, Neilds & McCormick had received bills of laden.

It was only by favorable winds and desperate work of about 200 clitzens that the Enterprise Manufacturing Company's plant for the manufacture of veneer works, situated on the opposite side of the railroad, was saved.

Capitalists in Norfolk.

Cape Charles, Va., Nov. 23.—Special car Pennsylvania railroad 120, with a party of New York and Philadelphia capitalists, arrived here this afternoon en route for Norfolk. The party consisted of A. J. Cassatt, president of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk railroad; W. A. Patton, vice-president; C. A. Griscom and W. A. Dickerman, of New York, Mr. Dickerman is president of the Norfolk and Southern railroad and will take the party over the latter road to-morrow in special car 120, which was floated across the Bay on a barge this afternoon.

Portland, Mc., Nov. 23.—The weather in the northern part of Maine is exceedingly cold to-day. The temperature is as follows: Presque Isle, 18 below zero, six inches of snow; Fort Fairfield, 15 below, six inches of snow; Houlton, 6 below; Kineo, 7 above, a couple of inches of snow. Moose head Lake is till open.

To-day you are invited at 11 a. m. 4:30 and 8 p. m. to the entertaining talks of this new system, by which you can gain the greatest language during Haupt's course in Norfolk Y. M. C. A.

Special Chesp Rates Richmond, Va.,

for Thursday, Thanksgiving Bay, Nov. 26

The
Norfolk and Western Railway
will sell round trip tickets to
Richmond on November 25th for
the train leaving Norfolk at 4:35 p. m.
(No change of cars) at
\$2.50

for the train leaving Norfolk at
7:40 a. m., November 28th. Ali tickets
good to return until November 27th, 1896,
For tickets and ali information apply to
C. H. Bosley, City Ticket Agent,
126 Main street (new number 272),
or to Ticket Agent Norfolk and Western
Railway Depot, foot of Main street,
R. W. COURTNEY,
no24-2t Dis. Pass. Agent.

Gen. Maximo Gomez With 35,000 Men Will

WEYLER FORCED TO RETURN TO HAVANA

B Danys That He Will Wait Till After Julistmas Before Finally Annihileting Macco- Weyler Was Informed From Madrid That He Must Win a Decisive Battle.

New York, Nov. 23.—The protracted sllence of Commander in Chief Maximo Gomez, of the Cuban army, which had caused considerable anxiety among Cubans here as to his safety, has at last been broken and the junta in this city has received a communication from him dated Las Villas, Santa Clara province. In it General Gomez says that he has at his command 35,000 well equipped men, and that with these he intends to proceed to Havana as soon as possible. The Commander in Chief writes that on account of the bad condition of the reads it took his force of men twelve hours to pass a certain point. General Gomez adds that he is in good health, as are his men, and has every hope of victory.

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General Weyler's statement that he will wait until after Christmas before he attempts to strike a death blow at the insurgents under General Macco, in Pinar Del Rilo province, is regarded by Cubans here as an admission that he can do nothing against the Cubans in their present invulnerable position.

"It is centainly a showing of weakness," said Delegate Palma to-day to a reporter, "and it is probable that General Weyler will now return to Havana. This action of General Weyler will not only affect his prestige, but also hurt the Spanish cause, for when Weyler took the field he said he would defeat the forces of General Macco.

HIS CAMPAIGN A FAILURE.

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"This he has failed to do, although his men outnumbered those under Maceo about three to one, as it is said that Maceo has under his command not more than 3,000 men. The official statement of General Weyler, therefore, comfirms the claims of the Cubans that his campaign in Pinar Del Rio has been a failure."

Washington, Nov. 23.—General Fitz Lee conducted his wife and daughter through the State Department this af-terneon, making brief calls on the va-rious officials. General Lee says he has no idea when he will return to Havana.

Baltimore, Nov. 23.—Charles Burns, of Cincinnati, knocked Frank Wongo, of Norfolk, out in the third round at the Empire Athletic Club to-night. James McCabe, of Richmond, got the decision over Joe Butler, of Philadelphia, in a six round go.

Special Football

Rate
to Richmond, Va.,
Thanksgiving Day,
Sursday, Nov. 26, 1808,
81.50 Round Trip.

via.
Norfolk and Western Rallway.
Leave Norfolk 7:40 a. m.
Returning,
Leave Richmond 7:30 p. m.

Leave Richmond 7:30 p. m.

No change of cars.
For tickets and all information
Apply to C. H. Bosley, City Ticket
Agent, 126 Main street(new number
272), or at Ticket Office,
Norfolk and Western Railway Depot,
Foot of Main street.
R. W. COURTNEY,
no22-3t Dist. Pass. Agent.

FOOTBALL. \$1.50 to Richmond and Return, \$1.50.

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In order to give the lovers of football a chance to witness the great game between Virginia and North Carolina, the Chesapeake and Ohio will run a fast special train from Norfolk to Richmond and return Thursday, November 26th. "Thanksgiving." Leave Norfolk 9:00 a. m., arrive Richmond 11:45 a. m. Returning, train will leave Richmond 9:00 a. m., arriving at Norfolk 11:45 a. m. There will be coaches reserved for the exclusive use of ladies and their escorts. For further information apply to R. T. Brooke, Passenger Agent, Chesapeake and Ohio Railway.